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MURDER CHARGE

Jason James Johnson leaves Dartmouth provincial court on Monday. Johnson has been charged with the first-degree murder of Catie Miller, the Dartmouth woman who has been missing since mid-July. See story, page 2. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Nice will only get you so far

City Matters survey. While the mayor's support remains strong, council approval is lukewarm, due in part to lower level of debate — and action — says one councillor

Halifax residents are giving the mayor a pat on the back for a second year, but are less generous about grading the performance of council as a whole.

Respondents to the 2014 City Matters survey gave Mayor Mike Savage an average score of 6.8 out of 10, compared to 6.9 in 2013.

Council as a whole got a mean score of 6.1 out of 10 compared to 6.4 last year.

The difference is in the number of respondents who gave a score of eight or higher — 39 per cent for Savage and 20 per cent for council.

"What I'm hearing from people is they like the fact that we're getting along better ... but they get a little frustrated that things seem to take so long," said Coun. Tim Outhit. "We're saying all the right things and we're getting along nicely, but what have we accomplished?"

Savage shrugged off his own results, saying he's a part of council and the score for the entity reflects on him as an individual.

Savage said he's proud of council's unanimous votes on issues like affordable housing partnerships, developing an arts advisory council and considering giving permanent residents the right to vote.

"In a democracy, unanimity is not necessarily a sign of progress, but I think that people ... understanding key priorities need to be addressed and speaking with one voice can be very important," he said.

Outhit, however, suggested that council is sometimes too harmonious, noting that

much of the debate now happens at standing committees which the average citizen isn't watching.

He said the city needs to do a better job of telling residents about significant achievements, like not raising taxes for the last two years.

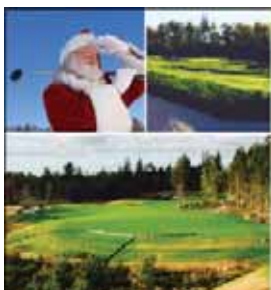
"A lot of it, I think, comes down to communication, and communication even includes how we behave on Tuesday," he said.

City Matters was conducted by MQO Research for Metro Halifax and the Greater Halifax Partnership and surveyed 500 adult Halifax residents in online panels from Nov. 7 to Nov. 14. **RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO**

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Catie Miller probe treated as homicide for months: Police

Investigation. Charges laid in missing-person case four months later



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Although murder charges in relation to Catie Miller's disappearance were laid Monday, Halifax police say they have been investigating her case as a homicide for months.

Catherine (Catie) Miller was last heard from on July 15, and Halifax Regional Police ruled the Dartmouth woman's case a homicide Monday even though Supt. Jim Perrin told reporters the homicide division took over the case a few days after she went missing.

Miller's parents were also told their daughter's case was treated as a homicide on Sunday, Perrin said.

"Investigators have to keep some secrecy around the file because what we can't lose sight of is our primary function is to find out what happened to Ms. Miller," Perrin said.

"If we have to hold back information to do that, we will."

Jason James Johnson was arrested at a Charlotte Lane address in Halifax Saturday night, interviewed by police, and appeared in court Monday to face charges of first-degree murder and indecently interfering with a dead human body.

Police say he has no known permanent address, and is due back in court Feb. 3, 2015.

Although they have not



Jason James Johnson is escorted by sheriffs as he leaves Dartmouth provincial court on Monday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Case still open

Supt. Jim Perrin says the investigation is ongoing and further suspects or offences can't be ruled out.

found Miller's body, Perrin said the entire course of the investigation led police to lay both charges.

Perrin said Johnson and Miller knew one another and were in a relationship,

but would not give any more details.

He said police believe Miller, who left a young son, was killed the day she went missing and the case was ruled a homicide based on "many, many" pieces of evidence.

Suspicions that Miller had been murdered arose early in the investigation, Perrin said, and confirmed that police spoke with Johnson as someone Miller had "ties" with early in the case.

In September, police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages reaffirmed Miller's case was an active missing person investigation.

While police were gathering evidence and conducting searches, Miller's case received national attention.

Her parents, John and Terry Miller, held multiple vigils, created a YouTube video and organized poster campaigns to spread the word of her disappearance across Canada.

"This is devastating news. We can only begin to try to imagine what they must be going through," Perrin said.

John Miller had spoken with media many times in an effort to bring in tips for police, but did not return Metro's request for a comment on Monday.

Police are actively searching the province for her remains, and Perrin said police are confident Miller's body will be found.

Criminal past of accused dates back to 2005

The 29-year-old man who is facing a charge of first-degree murder in Catie Miller's death has a criminal record going back to 2005 that includes theft and possession of an unauthorized firearm.

Jason James Johnson was convicted in November 2011 of possession of an unauthorized firearm, according to Public Prosecution Service spokeswoman Chris Hansen.

In 2005, Johnson was also convicted of public mischief, theft, breaching probation, uttering threats, and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, Hansen said.

Supt. Jim Perrin of Halifax Regional Police told reporters Monday he believes Johnson is not from Halifax but another part of the province.

Although he was arrested at a Charlotte Lane address,

Perrin said Johnson has no permanent residence they know of.

He could not say who was living in the Charlotte Lane residence, or how long Johnson had been there.

When asked whether Miller's disappearance was connected to any of Johnson's prior offences, Perrin said the announcement of charges was not about either person's background but what happened to Miller.

"Our focus all along through this investigation is to find out what happened," Perrin said.

"Today we brought the responsible person before the courts."

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Photo of Catie Miller from a vigil held in Grand Parade in August. JEFF HARPER/METRO

2nd guilty plea in child-porn case

Court. 19-year-old man expected to be sentenced in January

A second young man accused in a prominent child-pornography case pleaded guilty in youth court Monday to distributing a sexually graphic image of a 15-year-old girl who later died following a suicide attempt.

The 19-year-old man, who cannot be identified because he was a minor at the time of the offence in the fall of 2011, was expected to start a scheduled four-day trial but entered a guilty plea to one count of distributing child pornography. He will be sentenced on Jan. 15.

The girl's parents said they weren't surprised by the plea but wished it had come earlier, adding that it didn't make it any easier to listen to the difficult facts of the case as the accused sat nearby on the prisoner's bench.

"We felt the evidence was already pretty strong ... but this should have happened in the first place," her father said outside Halifax youth court.

Crown lawyer Alex Smith

Quoted

"It's difficult to be in the courtroom because you're angry.... She's not there to see this happen. She's not there to see people held accountable for what they did to her."

The victim's father

read an agreed statement outlining the facts of the high-profile case that garnered national attention following the girl's death last year.

A 20-year-old man also charged in the case was given a conditional discharge earlier this month, after he pleaded guilty to making child pornography by taking a photo of the accused having sex with the girl. His identity is also protected because he was a minor at the time.

Smith described how the girl, who was 15 at the time, was at a house with two teen boys in November 2011 and had been drinking. One of the

teen boys took a photo of the other having sex with the girl from behind as she vomited out a window.

The statement said the girl did not know the photo was being taken and did not give consent as the man was pressed up against her and giving two thumbs up while he smiled for the camera.

Smith said the accused who took the photo sent it to his friend who had sex with the girl. Smith said the latter then texted it to two young women, who then sent it out to "numerous persons, most of whom attended the same school" as the two accused and the girl.

The girl, whose identity is protected by a mandatory publication ban, died after she was taken off life support following a suicide attempt in the spring of 2013.

Her family says she was bullied for months as a result of the photo.

"It took away her very essence of who she was," said the victim's mother, wearing a T-shirt bearing the girl's name. "Once that photo appeared, she was never the same again."

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A sheriff's deputy stands outside youth court in Halifax on Nov. 13. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Urn with ashes stolen from home



The top of the stolen urn is shown. CONTRIBUTED

Police in Halifax are investigating the strange case of an urn stolen from the backyard of a home in Halifax.

Halifax Regional Police say they received a call from a resident in the 6500 block of Summit Street on Nov. 5 after an urn containing a family member's ashes was taken from the back patio of the home.

Police say the urn is gray and resembles a Greek column. It has a brass sundial on the top with the name of the deceased

Got a tip?

Anyone with information is asked to contact police or Crime Stoppers.

on the plaque, along with "November 6, 1942 – June 6, 2002. Daughter, be of good comfort: Thy faith hath made."

It's believed the urn was stolen sometime over the Halloween weekend. METRO

Dartmouth. Missing patient returns to hospital

A missing mental-health patient from the Nova Scotia Hospital in Dartmouth has returned safely.

According to a release from Capital Health, 21-year-old Jenna Davidson left the hospital on Nov. 13 and didn't come back.

In a release issued Nov. 14, Capital Health said the longer Davidson was away from treatment, the greater risk

she was to herself.

Capital Health said a mental-health mobile crisis team and hospital staff were working with police in trying to locate Davidson.

In a release issued Monday, Capital Health said Davidson returned to the hospital safe and sound.

No other details were provided.

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Your municipal services

Respondents to the 2014 City Matters survey were asked to rate their satisfaction with municipal services on a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 meant "very poor," and 10 meant "excellent." Here's the breakdown of the top and bottom three ranked services:

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THE WINNERS.



7.7

Garbage collection

Garbage collection received the highest average score in its first year on the survey, knocking police out of the top spot.

HRM solid waste acting manager Matt Keliher was diplomatic about the "win."

"It's good news, it shows that the programs we have in place are working and they meet the needs of residents."

Keliher said the city works closely with the contractors who provide garbage collection. He said residents may also have the warm and fuzzies over expanded green bin service, introduced in rural areas in the last year. Keliher said next year's score could suffer if council approves clear trash bags, raising the possibility for more curbside rejections.

"If everyone is working within the bounds of what can go in the bags and separating where it needs to go, I think we'll continue to have pretty good ratings," he said.



7.5

Police

If residents are unhappy with Halifax police — which includes both Halifax Regional Police and Halifax RCMP — it didn't show up in the survey responses.

Police services was the second-ranked municipal service with the same mean score as in 2013.

"There will always be times when someone feels we should have done something better or different, but this ... shows us that we're moving in the right direction," said HRP deputy chief Bill Moore.

Moore said the force will continue to focus on six operational priorities over the next year — including sexualized and domestic violence and downtown safety — but will also look at "quality assurance" to ensure "good preliminary investigations."

"The big thing for us is to be as transparent as we can, explain what we did, why we did it, this is why it happened," he said. "In cases where we didn't do something correctly or there's room for improvement, that we say so."



7.3

Green spaces

Whether it's for lounging around with a book or hitting the trails on a bike, survey respondents love Halifax's green spaces.

Green spaces rounded out the top three municipal services, just ahead of recreational facilities. Brad Anguish, HRM's director of parks and recreation, said the two often go hand in hand, citing free swimming lessons at the city's beaches and free canoeing lessons at the Saint Mary's Boat Club.

"We're really talking about giving people free access to the basics they need to enjoy our region," he said.

Anguish said the city is focused on using its green spaces, either by adding urban gardens and orchards, or by expanding a network of active transportation trails. The city has about \$1 million set aside for recapitalization of trails this year, and a tender was just issued to develop a greenbelting and public open spaces plan.

THE LOSERS.



6.4

Snow clearing

Survey respondents gave snow clearing the third-lowest mean score of all municipal services — hardly surprising, coming on the heels of one of the harshest winters in several years.

HRM superintendent of winter operations Darrin Natolino said the city is looking to bounce back from the bad weather and poor reviews of the contractors who took over snow clearing in some residential neighbourhoods.

"We're in a good position. Our fleet's up to snuff, our contracts are up to snuff."

Environment Canada is calling for a milder winter this year, and expectations have been made clear to the contractors handling snow removal. However, Natolino said it's unlikely that anything short of a massive cash infusion will ever lead to better grades for snow removal. "I guess we could get 10 out of 10, but that would require such a bottomless budget."



5.6

Cost of municipal water services

The appearance of municipal water service in the bottom three may be a matter of wording.

A spokesman for the Halifax Regional Water Commission noted it was the only instance in which respondents were asked to rate the cost of the service and not the service itself.

"It strikes me right off the top that the question is skewed because it's targeting cost as opposed to value for dollar," said James Campbell.

The commission experienced some backlash in the last year over a new stormwater fee. On Monday, the commission announced it's seeking rate increases totaling \$13.6 per cent over the next two years.

Campbell said Halifax still has some of the lowest water rates in Canada, adding the rate hikes are necessary to upgrade aging infrastructure. "The reality is we've got neglected wastewater infrastructure that's ... falling apart," he said. "The only way to repair this stuff is to spend money and invest in it."



5.6

Road maintenance

HRM's poor, potholey roads round out the rankings for municipal services, and the city's superintendent of streets says he's pretty resigned to that reality.

The city spends about \$20 million a year on street recapitalization, but Don Pellerine says that figure needs to be closer to \$200 million. "We're just scratching the surface with \$20 million," he said.

Recapitalization refers to the curb-to-curb excavation of a street down to the road bed. Pellerine's department received \$2.3 million this year for the less intensive patching of potholes and deteriorated roadway surfaces. Maintenance budgets are usually fixed from year to year, and when you get a bumper crop of potholes, as Halifax did this year, it stretches the budget to the last dollar.

"It's usually the big capital projects that get funding and we do our best," said Pellerine.



Glen Eugene Assoun holds his daughter Tanya's hand at Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax on Monday. Inset: Assoun is pictured in a photo provided by his lawyers on Oct. 17. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS; INSET: THE CANADIAN PRESS/HANDOUT

'It's been a long, terrible journey'

16 years in prison.
Nova Scotia man
freed in possible case
of wrongful murder
conviction

Released on bail

"He has a supportive family, two of whom have invited him to live in their home. Mr. Assoun is not a risk to himself or others."

Crown lawyer Marian Fortune-Stone

A Nova Scotia man who was serving a life sentence for stabbing his ex-girlfriend to death walked from court on bail Monday, calling his release "surreal" and his time in the criminal justice system a nightmare.

"It's been a long, terrible journey for me," said Glen Eugene Assoun, who was granted bail after a preliminary review of his case said he may have been wrongfully convicted.

"I am an innocent man. I've always been innocent and I always will be innocent."

Assoun was greeted by applause from his supporters as he left court after 16 years in prison, thanking his lawyers and the Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted for pursuing his case.

Walking away from the same building where he was convicted and sentenced was a moment that Assoun reflected on.

"I went through a murder trial by myself. I have a Grade 6 education and I had to defend myself. And it was a night-

mare," he said.

"I lost my freedom and my liberty in this building for something I didn't do. And I come here today and I had my liberty restored. It's a great day for me and I'm really overwhelmed right now, to tell you the truth."

Assoun was convicted by a jury of second-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison in September 1999 for the slaying of Brenda Lee Anne Way.

The federal Justice Department said recently that a preliminary assessment shows there may have been a miscarriage of justice and a more in-depth investigation has been launched into his case. The preliminary assessment has been sealed by the court.

Assoun's lawyer began reviewing the case eight years ago and persuaded the Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted to take it on in 2010.

Judge James Chipman of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court ruled Monday that Assoun should be released on a number of conditions, includ-

ing one that requires him to stay with family in an undisclosed province and another that will see him electronically monitored.

Assoun, 59, also has to relinquish his passport, meet with a parole officer weekly, report any intimate relationships he has with women and not contact Way's family.

The Crown agreed with a submission from Assoun's lawyers that he should be released on bail.

In his decision, Chipman said it is apparent that the Crown and defence put a lot

of work into crafting a release order for Assoun.

"The court takes comfort in this," Chipman said, adding that he is confident Assoun would surrender himself to authorities if asked to because he has "a significant stake" in the outcome of his proceedings.

Way's partly clothed body was found behind an apartment building in the Halifax area on Nov. 12, 1995. The 28-year-old woman was stabbed six times and her throat was slashed.

Assoun, who was living in British Columbia when he was arrested more than two years later, has always said he was wrongfully convicted of the crime.

"He has not deviated from his assertion of innocence by a hair," Philip Campbell, Assoun's lawyer, said Monday.

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Investigation launched by justice minister

When the investigation is complete, federal justice officials will make a recommendation to the minister, who will then have the option of ordering a new trial or referring the case back to the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal if he agrees there has been a miscarriage of justice.

- In such cases, Kerry Scullion of the Justice Department's Criminal Conviction Review Group has said provincial Crowns rarely go ahead with a new trial if one is ordered, which means the convictions are typically quashed and the accused is presumed innocent.



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Legendary rocker Bob Seger takes Scotiabank Centre's stage as part of his 'Ride Out Tour'

Rock and roll hall-of-famer Bob Seger hit the stage with the Silver Bullet Band in front of a capacity crowd at the Scotiabank Centre on Monday night. Seger was in town touring to promote his new album, 'Ride Out.' **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

Halifax water rates are set to rise

Plugging leaks.

Utility says it keeps on losing money, needs funds to replace aging infrastructure



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Halgionians may start turning their taps off more following a move Monday by the municipi-

pality to increase water rates.

The average resident will see their rates rise by \$3.90 monthly starting next May, if the rate application filed to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board is approved.

"We're a utility that's losing money," Halifax Water spokesman James Campbell said frankly, adding that includes \$4.9-million last year alone.

"We have a lot of aging waste water infrastructure that's been neglected for decades, and the only way to really turn this around is to start in-



A water tap. METRO FILE PHOTO

vesting in that infrastructure," he said Tuesday.

Debt servicing costs due to new facilities, declining consumption and stricter federal waste water regulations are also key factors in the proposed hikes, which include another jump of \$4.55 per month in April 2016.

That equates to a 6.5 per cent increase in 2015-16 and 7.1 per cent increase in 2016-17, which according to Halifax Water still represent some of the lowest rates in the country for water, waste water and storm water services.

This excludes the water rate

Quoted

"We're in the business of selling water, but we're also asking people to conserve it as much as they can."

Halifax Water spokesman James Campbell

increase from this past April.

"We've been investing for years in water research," Campbell said, pointing to new and old projects alike, such as the \$64-million Eastern Passage waste water plant upgrade and the North Preston water reservoir rehabilitation as just a

couple of examples.

Halifax Water will have to spend about \$2.6 billion over the next three decades, he said, adding feedback is welcome during the public hearing set for next Feb. 23 to 27.

"It is the ratepayers' money, after all," Campbell said.

Cruising to success. Over 217,000 visited Halifax during 2014 season

Cruise numbers were shipshape in Halifax this season, according to the city's Port Authority.

On Monday, the Halifax Port Authority released its final 2014 numbers.

The figures indicate that 217,305 passengers visited the city during the 2014 cruise season, which ran from May 6 to Nov. 15.

Quoted

"It was a busy year for cruises in Halifax."

Cathy McGrail, director of cruise development for the Halifax Port Authority. In total the Port Authority said 217,305 passengers visited Halifax during the 2014 cruise season spanning between May and November.

The port welcomed 134 vessels, with the biggest passenger day being Oct. 7 with 9,200 passengers in town.

According to the release, a shore power system was also completed this season, allowing vessels to turn off their auxiliary diesel engines while connected.

"It was a busy year for cruises in Halifax," Cathy McGrail, director of cruise development for the Port Authority, said in a statement.

McGrail said the engineering and operations departments worked hard to get the new power system operational, and they hope to use it for a full season next year.

Quite a busy day

9,200

While the number of passengers that visited Halifax during the 2014 cruise season on its own is impressive, the city's busiest day was Oct. 7. On that day, the Port Authority said, 9,200 people visited the city.

Lynn Ledwidge of Destination Halifax said in the release that visitors have access to excursions, restaurants, and shopping which give passengers "an idea of what a longer visit to Nova Scotia would be like."

The 2015 cruise season will begin in April.

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Witness in fisherman's murder trial admits he gave false report to police

Phillip Boudreau. Craig Landry tells court that his initial statement to police was made up, says missing man's boat was shot at four times

The defence at the murder trial of a fisherman accused of killing a man on another fishing boat focused Monday on a false statement a key witness gave to police about the disappearance of Phillip Boudreau off the coast of Nova Scotia last year.

Craig Landry told the murder trial of Joseph James Landry in Port Hawkesbury that his initial police statement in the days after Boudreau's disappearance on June 1, 2013, was concocted.

He told investigators the Twin Maggies had a "run-in" with Boudreau in the fog a few days prior to June 1, but



Members of the RCMP and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans inspect the C & D Fisheries Ltd. boat Twin Maggies at the wharf in Arichat in 2013. CAPE BRETON POST

Landry testified Monday in the Nova Scotia Supreme Court that it was a made-up story that he heard in the

furnace room at the home of Carla and Dwayne Samson, who are also charged in the case.

Landry said he repeated what he was told to say to police, who arrested him five days after Boudreau dis-

appeared. Landry performed a re-enactment of the incident on June 26 while he was still in custody, court heard.

The crew of the Twin Maggies suspected Boudreau had been tampering with their lobster traps before they steamed toward his boat on June 1, 2013, Landry said.

He said Joseph Landry shot at Boudreau four times that day after they spotted him in the area of Mackerel Cove and suspected him of "playing" with their lobster traps.

Joseph Landry, 67, of Little Anse, has pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder.

Craig Landry said Boudreau pleaded for Joseph Landry to stop firing at him, yelling, "Stop, James. Stop."

He said Boudreau's boat was then rammed several times in Cape Breton's Petit de Grat harbour by the Twin Maggies before Joseph Landry hooked Boudreau with a gaff and dragged him out to sea. The body of the 43-year-old man has never been found.

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Amherst refuses to take fracking waste water

Amherst is walking away from talks with a Debert company about accepting treated waste water used several years ago in Hants County for hydraulic fracturing (or fracking).

During a closed-door meeting on Sunday, staff provided an update on the negotiations. At the end of that discussion, council opted to end the process rather than move forward with a public meeting next month with Environment Minister Randy Delorey and a potential vote in mid-December.

"We had asked for an update from staff on contract discussions to see where we were at and, at the end of that, council decided to dis-

continue any further discussions with (Atlantic Industrial Services) on accepting the water," Mayor Robert Small said on Monday.

"The long and short of it is that while we feel the facts and data were accurate, I think the impact on the community in terms of understanding the project and those who didn't was certainly weighing heavily on council."

Amherst was considering accepting up to 30 million litres of treated water that was used in oil and gas exploration around Kennetcook in 2007. If Amherst had moved forward, the town would have received a minimum of \$500,000 to

Release locations

The water would have been released into the LaPlanche River and the Bay of Fundy.

dispose of the treated water through its sewage treatment facility on a marsh near the town.

Former town engineer Ron Patterson said the town would have disposed of 67 tanker trucks of water, or 13 trucks per day for five days. He said the water exceeds Health Canada's drinking water standards and that the labs doing the testing were among the best in the business. CUMBERLAND NEWS

Upgraded frigate ready for duty

Work has been completed on the first four Halifax-class navy frigates to be modernized under a \$4.3-billion federal program.

Following recent sea trials, HMCS Fredericton is preparing for a resumption

of duty early next year, Defence Minister Rob Nicholson said Monday in Halifax.

The program also saw the modernization of HMCS Halifax, Calgary and Winnipeg.

Work is being done to

add radar and command and control systems to the vessels, while upgrading radar and missile capabilities.

The program is scheduled to be completed by 2018. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Toxic report expected

Veterans to get more funding

The Harper government's frenzy of funding to support veterans continued Monday, ahead of what's expected to be a toxic report by the auditor general on mental health services for ex-soldiers. Health Minister Rona Ambrose added to the funds with \$5 million for the Canadian Institute for Military and Veteran Health Research. This will be matched by the private charity, True Patriot Love Foundation, and follows a \$200-million, six-year commitment made Sunday in Halifax. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Spy bill is constitutional, official says

The deputy minister of public safety says a bill that would allow Canada's spy agency to break foreign laws is constitutional. Francois Guimont assured MPs that lawyers had vetted the legislation against the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The legislation would provide blanket protection for Canadian Security Intelligence Service sources and give the spy agency more latitude to obtain warrants authorizing investigations abroad. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Bloopers. Tory attempt to embarrass Grits backfires

The latest Conservative sting operation aimed at discrediting a prominent Liberal candidate has instead wound up embarrassing several Tory MPs, including senior cabinet minister Jason Kenney.

The operation involved a young Conservative operative who secretly recorded a conversation with Marlo Raynolds, the Liberal candidate in Banff-Airdrie, and two other men at a public meeting in Canmore, Alta., last week.

The recording purported to show Raynolds criticizing the Tories' recent family tax cut plan, saying it amounts to giving money to people for "arguably nothing," only to see them spend it on TVs, cars and other things that don't benefit the economy. The recording was given to Sun News Network personality Brian Lilley, who denounced Raynolds' purported comments — and, by extension, the Liberal party — on his TV show and in a newspaper



Employment Minister Jason Kenney
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column.

Blake Richards, the Tory MP for Banff-Airdrie, and two other Alberta MPs — Chris Warkentin and Kenney, the employment minister — pounced on Lilley's work to denounce Raynolds and the Liberals in the House of Commons.

The problem? The words attributed to Raynolds were actually spoken by another individual, Canmore resident Tam McTavish, who has publicly stepped forward to correct the record. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Nude photos. Manitoba judge to retire from bench

A Manitoba judge whose nude photos were posted online by her husband will voluntarily retire from the bench rather than endure another hearing into whether she should be removed from her position.

A three-person panel investigating Associate Chief Justice Lori Douglas approved a settlement between the judge and the Canadian Judicial Council Monday.

Under the agreement, Douglas will retire in May and hearings into her conduct will be dropped. The judicial council said pursuing the matter after Douglas retires would not

be in the public interest.

A hearing into the case was to start Monday, but lawyer Sheila Block told the panel her client reached an agreement with the judicial council. Four years of having her personal life scrutinized has taken its toll on Douglas, Block said.

"Even though she loved being a judge, considered it an honour and privilege to serve, she is at the point where this is the best choice for her, for her son and elderly father, for her late husband's children and the rest of her family," Block said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Tensions high over pipeline in Burnaby

RCMP are pictured in the background protecting a Kinder Morgan drill on Monday as a sign placed by an anti-pipeline demonstrator is pictured in the foreground in Burnaby, B.C. The proposed \$5-billion expansion would nearly triple the capacity of the pipeline that carries crude oil from near Edmonton to the Vancouver area to be loaded on tankers and shipped overseas. On Sunday, at least a dozen protesters, including an 11-year-old girl were taken into custody, as a demonstrations continued in spite of a court-issued injunction.

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Hacker attacks on city sites continue

Aerith. Ottawa and Toronto police sites hacked, along with the City of Toronto and City of Laval sites



TREVOR GREENWAY
Metro in Ottawa

A hacker who crashed the city of Ottawa and Ottawa Police websites over the weekend claims to have stolen data from cops and plans to release documents to media in the coming days.

Ottawa Police confirmed

there was a denial of service attack on their site, but ensured the public that no data had been compromised, but the hacker, who is known as Aerith, says different.

"We indeed did breach their server. Yes we have a ton of data, and yes it will be released," said the hacker, who claims to be with the loose-knit vigilante group Anonymous, in a news release Monday evening.

"We are the ones whom took out the Supreme Court, Ottawa Police, City of Ottawa, Toronto Police, Laval Police, and more. We will be taking out more in the coming days, and we will not stop."

The hacker says there are

plans to release police "emails, documents and more" and won't stop crashing city websites until police drop 60 swatting charges against a Barhaven teen — a crime they say the teen was framed for.

The hacker also crashed the City of Toronto, Toronto Police and the government parliament websites and took down the City of Laval website Monday evening.

"When the charges are dropped (we will stop), until then, we will keep taking them offline," said Aerith in an email exchange with Metro.

"The police have framed an innocent youth, and failed to investigate the crimes and furthermore, they have failed

to provide any shred of solid proof."

Aerith says they have proof the swatting — prank calling emergency services to send out SWAT teams under false pretenses — was actually done by a man in New Jersey, and plan to release documents that would exonerate the teen in the coming days.

The group first attacked Ottawa.ca Friday, as users were brought to a screen with a dancing banana and a text message targeting an Ottawa police officer Joel Demore.

Police remain tight-lipped, but Chief Charles Bordeleau said that although their website is down, operation of the force remains fully functional.

Aerith

Hacker an 'amateur,' expert says

The hacker responsible for crashing police websites in Toronto and Ottawa is a mere "amateur," says one expert.

A hacker known as Aerith launched a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack against municipal websites, including the home page of the Toronto Police Service over the weekend.

Such attacks flood servers with traffic making it difficult, or impossible, for

people to access the site. The hacker renewed the offensive Monday, hacking into the City of Ottawa website and taking the Toronto police site offline.

A Toronto police spokesperson acknowledged the attacks Monday, but declined to discuss specifics.

"We were not hacked," Const. David Hopkinson said. "This was a denial of service attack. It's a flooding of our servers. We haven't suffered a breach."

But an online security expert said the hacker is more bark than bite.

"I'd call him an amateur,"

said Michael Calce.

When he was 15, Calce launched a similar attack that targeted both Amazon and eBay. He spent eight months in juvenile detention in Quebec for the crime and has since become an ethical hacker and Internet security consultant.

The tools necessary to launch a DDoS attack are easily obtained. It's even possible to rent a botnet — the network of computers used to bombard a website with traffic — for as little as \$20 a day. Based on what he's seen, that's precisely what he believes Aerith has done.

Even Aerith's most high-profile hack — replacing the City of Ottawa's homepage with an image of a dancing banana — appears to have been achieved with what hackers call "social engineering."

Aerith contacted the company that hosts Ottawa's website and posed as an IT manager with the city. Aerith then asked them to redirect the homepage to a different site.

"If that's the case, then there's no real sign of high-level hacking skill," Calce said.

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Blue Cross says it won't cover couple with million-dollar baby

Saskatchewan. Family facing more than \$900,000 in medical bills after an unexpected child birth in Hawaii

Saskatchewan Blue Cross said in a statement Monday that Jennifer Huculak should seek help from the national independent insurance ombudsman after denying her claim of more than \$900,000 in medical bills.

Huculak said she was six months pregnant when she left for a vacation in Hawaii with the blessing of her doctor and health insurance from Blue Cross. Soon after arriving, her water broke and her premature baby required a two-month stay in an American neonatal intensive care unit.

Huculak said Blue Cross

denied her claim, saying a bladder infection that caused some hemorrhaging at four months constituted a pre-existing condition.

Saskatchewan Blue Cross President Arnie Arnott said Huculak was given "nine specific events" that prevented her claim from being paid and referred the media back to Huculak for further explanation.

He said the challenges facing Huculak's family are "extraordinary and difficult."

"A review by OLHI is free of charge and Saskatchewan Blue Cross will cover any costs incurred by Ms. Huculak preparing her claim for review by the ombudsman," Arnott said in the statement.

Blue Cross aims to "help families avoid situations like this one," he added.

Huculak didn't immediately return calls on Monday.

Last week, she said she

wasn't given a Blue Cross questionnaire before the trip.

"We were told we were covered. We paid our premium. We obviously still feel that Blue Cross should cover the bill," she said. "It's a very sad position to be in. I wouldn't wish it on anybody."

Huculak said if a doctor told her she had a high-risk pregnancy, she wouldn't have travelled to Hawaii. She said her doctor sent a letter to Blue Cross confirming that Huculak's pregnancy was stable when she went on vacation, but the claim was still denied.

"As of March, Blue Cross pretty much washed their hands of the whole case," she said. "We've just kind of been sitting ducks, not knowing what to do."

The hospital in Hawaii has declined comment.

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Reece Huculak was born in a Hawaii hospital after Jennifer Huculak gave birth while on vacation. Huculak says she was six months pregnant and traveled with the blessing of her doctor and health insurance from Blue Cross. JENNIFER HUCULAK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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U.S. Defense

Hagel steps down as Pentagon chief

U.S. Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel announced Monday he is stepping down, leaving under pressure following a rocky tenure in which he had struggled to break through the White House's insular team of national security

advisers.

Hagel is the first senior Obama adviser to leave the administration following the sweeping losses for the president's party in the Nov. 4 elections. It also comes as the president's national security team has been battered by crises including the rise of Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria and Russia.

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Charges of sexual assault

Connecticut resort latest to postpone Cosby performance

Foxwoods Resort Casino says it has indefinitely postponed Bill Cosby's concert appearance that was scheduled for January.

The announcement Monday by the Connecticut resort

adds to several cancellations last week for the embattled comedian amid a growing number of sexual assault allegations.

No reason was given by Foxwoods for postponing the Jan. 31 performance.

Cosby has issued a statement discrediting decades-old accusations and his attorney has denied four of the allegations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Australia

Dictionary to offer new 'shirtfront' definitions

The Australian prime minister's threat to "shirtfront" Russia's president during an international summit this month has prompted a dictionary to broaden its definition of the word beyond

an Australian football term for a shoulder charge to an opponent's chest.

Susan Butler, editor of the Macquarie Dictionary, the definitive authority on Australian English, said Monday that the controversy made her editors realize that the term has taken on a broader meaning than an illegal manoeuvre on the football field.

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Negotiators fail to reach deal with Iran

Vienna. Despite some progress, final deal on Iran's nuclear issues extended until July

A year-long effort to seal a nuclear deal with Iran fizzled Monday, leaving the U.S. and its allies little choice but to declare a seven-month extension in hopes that a new deadline will be enough to achieve what a decade of negotiations have failed to do — limit Tehran's ability to make a nuclear weapon.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and other Western foreign ministers converging on Vienna in a last-ditch diplomatic push talked up the add-on time as the best way forward. "We would be fools to walk away," Kerry declared.

But a week of tough manoeuvring appeared to have achieved little more than agreement to keep on talking. Negotiators will now strive to nail down by March 1 what Iran and the six world powers it is negotiating with must do, and by when. A final agreement is

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"Today we are closer to a deal that will make the whole

world, especially our allies in Israel and the Gulf, safer."

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry

meant to follow four months later.

In Tehran, hard-liners fearful that their country will give away more than it gets under any final deal may increase pressure on Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei to break off talks. Still, the latest extension appears to have the approval of Khamenei, the ultimate arbiter in his country. Positive comments by Iranian President Hassan Rouhani reflected Khamenei's backing.

"Many gaps have been eliminated," Rouhani said in a statement, but added that the sides were "still some distance" from a deal.

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Poland's oldest tree damaged in suspected arson fire

In this photo taken on Nov. 18, firefighters battle the blaze on a 750-year-old oak tree near Szprotawa, Poland. The deputy chief forest ranger in Szprotawa, Jerzy Wilanowski, said Monday that firefighters battled the blaze for more than 30 hours last week using water and foam. NADLESNICTWO SZPROTAWA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fears of disastrous flooding ease in snowbound Buffalo



Traffic drives over the Buffalo Creek Monday in the West Seneca area of Western New York. MIKE GROLL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fears of disastrous flooding from a rapid meltdown of the Buffalo area's seven feet of snow eased on Monday, but high winds became a menace, threatening to knock down trees and power lines.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said state-deployed pumps and sandbags were in place as rain and warmer temperatures rapidly melted the snow. Residents shovelled snow in T-shirts against the backdrop of white drifts.

By late morning, minor

to moderate flooding was reported in several creeks, but nearby homes were largely spared, and the sewers in Buffalo and elsewhere were handling the runoff.

The snowfall across the Buffalo area ranged from less than a foot to about 7-1/2 feet, depending on where the bands of snow coming off Lake Erie hit hardest.

Forecasters said the potential for flooding remained through Wednesday morning.

"As of this moment, the situation is not as problematic as it could have been," Cuomo said a day after advising residents to pack a bag in case they needed to leave their homes.

The new threat, he said, was wind — gusts up to 100 km/h, with the potential to uproot trees from the soggy ground and knock out power needed to operate homeowners' basement sump pumps.

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Details

At a news conference, the governor said he hadn't intended to upset forecasters when he said over the weekend that the weather service was "off" on its predictions for the storm

- "It came down earlier than forecasted and it came at a higher volume than they forecasted," he said.

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Video. Details of boy's shooting 'clear': Police

A Cleveland officer was less than 10 feet away when he fatally shot a 12-year-old boy carrying a pellet gun near a playground, and video of the shooting is clear about what happened, police said Monday.

The boy was confronted Saturday by officers responding to a 911 call about a male who appeared to be pulling a gun in and out of his pants.

The 911 caller said the gun was "probably fake," then added, "I don't know if it's real or not." Deputy Chief Edward Tomba said Monday that he didn't know whether a dispatcher shared that information with responding officers.

The president of the Cleve-

land Police Patrolmen's Association has said the officers weren't told the caller thought the gun might be fake.

Police say Tamir Rice, who died Sunday, had an "airsoft" gun that appeared indistinguishable from a real firearm. Airsoft guns fire spherical plastic pellets and have orange tips to show they aren't real firearms, but police said the one the boy had didn't have the bright safety indicator.

Authorities said the boy was told to raise his hands and was shot when he pulled the pellet gun from his waistband, though he hadn't pointed it at police or made verbal threats.

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Demonstrators gather to protest the shooting of Tamir Rice at Cudell Park in Cleveland, Monday. MARK DUNCAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Violence erupts after grand jury fails to indict Wilson

Ferguson. Obama calls for calm after nation learns officer won't be charged in death of Michael Brown

Violent protests erupted after a grand jury decided not to indict a Ferguson police officer in the death of an unarmed, black 18-year-old whose fatal shooting by a white officer sparked weeks of demonstrations and exposed deep racial tension between many African-Americans and police.

U.S. President Barack Obama and the family of Michael Brown asked for calm after a prosecutor announced the decision Monday evening that the grand jury decided not to indict officer Darren Wilson for the August shooting, prompting an angry response from demonstrators. Police used smoke and pepper spray after protesters grew violent Monday night in Ferguson, Mo., where police

cars were vandalized and several gunshots were heard.

Wilson's fatal shooting of Brown after an Aug. 9 confrontation reignited a fierce debate over how police treat young African-American men and focused attention on long-simmering racial tensions in Ferguson and around the U.S., four decades after the 1960s civil rights movement. Police were criticized for responding to protests with armoured vehicles and tear gas.

Obama said from the White House that Americans need to accept the decision that the grand jury made. He said it was understandable that some Americans would be "deeply disappointed — even angered," but echoed Brown's parents in calling for any protests to be peaceful.

In a late-night statement, the first black president also urged Americans not to deny recent progress in race relations in the U.S., the protests in Ferguson notwithstanding.

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Police officers confront protesters after the announcement of the grand jury decision not to indict police officer Darren Wilson in the fatal shooting of Michael Brown, an unarmed black 18-year-old, Monday in Ferguson, Mo. DAVID GOLDMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Afghan bombings raise death toll

Bombings across Afghanistan killed two NATO troops and six civilians Monday, authorities said, as the death toll in the country's deadliest insurgent attack this year rose to at least 50.

The attacks, including

Sunday's mass killing by a suicide bomber at a volleyball tournament, come amid a renewed Taliban offensive as foreign troops begin to withdraw from the country.

In a statement, NATO said

the troops had been killed by an "enemy attack in eastern Afghanistan." It did not identify the nationalities of the dead, as the coalition waits for their home countries to make the announcement.

No group claimed respon-

sibility for either attack Monday. Insurgents have stepped up their assaults against Afghan security forces in a bid to undermine the Western-backed Kabul government of President Ashraf Ghani.

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Bodies of victims killed from Sunday's attack are laid on the ground in Paktika province east of Kabul, Afghanistan, Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Turkish president says women unequal to men

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan set off a new controversy on Monday, declaring that women are not equal to men and accusing feminists of not understanding the special status that Islam attributes to mothers.

Addressing a meeting in Istanbul on women and justice, Erdogan said men and women are created differently, that women cannot be expected to undertake the same work as men, and that mothers enjoy a high position that only they can reach.

"You cannot put women and men on an equal footing," Erdogan said. "It is against nature. They were created differ-

ently. Their nature is different. Their constitution is different."

Erdogan added: "Motherhood is the highest position You cannot explain this to feminists. They don't accept motherhood. They have no such concern."

Lawyer and women's rights activist Hulya Gulbahar said Erdogan's comments were in violation of Turkey's constitution, Turkish laws and international conventions on gender equality and didn't help efforts to stem high incidences of violence against women in Turkey.

"Such comments by state officials which disregard equality between men and women play an important role in the rise of

violence against women," Gulbahar said. "Such comments aim to make women's presence in public life — from politics to arts, from science to sports — debatable."

Erdogan, a devout Muslim, often courts controversy with divisive public comments.

He has previously angered women's groups by stating that women should bear at least three children and by attempting to outlaw abortion and adultery.

He raised eyebrows this month by declaring that Muslims had discovered the Americas before Christopher Columbus.

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Swift's Spotify battle hits note with artists

Striking a chord.

Following pop star Taylor Swift's lead, other musicians are also questioning the music-streaming model

From boardrooms in Japan to songwriters' rooms in Nashville, a debate is brewing in music industry circles about the financial and creative value of streaming music, even as its popularity and impact skyrocket.

Streaming music, predicted by many analysts to become the primary digital means for fans to consume music, has such influence now that Billboard will start tallying streaming numbers into the formula for its Billboard 200 chart. But even as consumers wrap their arms around the technology, many in the music industry question whether streaming music revenues will match up.

At a recent investor meet-

Quoted



"To the fans who went out and bought over a million copies of my last three albums, what you did by going out and investing in music and albums is ... saying you believe in the same thing I believe in: that music is valuable."

Taylor Swift at the American Music Awards on Sunday

ing in Tokyo, Sony Music Chief Financial Officer Kevin Kelleher said a lot of conversation had been happening about streaming services in light of pop star Taylor Swift's recent decision to pull her catalogue off Spotify.

"The key question is: Are the free, ad-supported services taking away from how quickly, and to what extent, we can grow these paid services?" Kelleher asked, according to a report in the Wall Street Journal.

A Spotify representative declined to comment to The Associated Press, but company CEO and co-founder Daniel Ek has addressed some critics on its

website. He notes that the company has paid out \$2 billion US since it started in 2008.

Swift's actions touched a nerve in Nashville, a microcosm of the vast shifts in the musical economy. Country artists Jason Aldean, Brantley Gilbert and Justin Moore followed in Swift's lead to remove or limit music that's available for free to Spotify's 50 million users.

Swift and Aldean have cited concerns about whether the service fairly compensates all the stakeholders who help make the music, a message that resonates among many Nashville artists. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Fighting car hackers

In this Feb. 9, 2010 file photo, master diagnostic technician Kurt Juergens uses a laptop computer to diagnose and repair the brake system on a 2010 Toyota Prius in the repair shop of a Toyota dealership, in Norwood, Mass. The U.S. military and the auto industry are scrambling to fortify the cyber defences of commercially available cars before criminals and even terrorists penetrate them. In 2010, a pair of hackers manoeuvred their way into the computer systems of a Toyota Prius and a Ford Escape through a port used by mechanics. The hackers showed that they could slam on the brakes at freeway speeds, jerk the steering wheel or even shut down the engine, all from their laptop computers.

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WestJet

Flight attendants reject agreement

WestJet Airlines Ltd. said Monday that its 2,600 flight attendants have voted to reject a tentative agreement reached last month. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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HACKTIVISM CAME TOO SOON

While hacking can be a legitimate form of political protest, guest columnist Molly Sauter argues the recent cyberattack on the Ottawa Police website was premature, as due process hasn't been given its due yet in the case of the teen who the hacktivists say was framed

MOLLY SAUTER
Guest column

Hacktivist actions like website defacements and other forms of online civil disobedience are necessary tactics in the toolbox of a modern democracy, and can be a powerful tool for underprivileged populations struggling to get their message heard. But the hacker who recently took down several official Ottawa websites is turning to disruptive tactics ahead of due process.

The hacker or group of hackers calling itself AerithXOR and using the hashtag #OpSoaringEagle, has stated that it is rallying in support of an Ottawa teen who, they claim, has been falsely indicted for making more than 30 false reports to emergency services across North America, a practice called "swatting."

These so-called pranks involve reporting a fake violent crime to the police in the hopes that they will respond in force.

The danger that someone will be seriously injured or even killed in one of these "pranks" is significant and should be taken seriously.

DDoS actions (distributed denial of service actions) and other hacktivist tactics have

Superficial similarities

On face, #OpSoaringEagle bears a resemblance to other Anonymous ops

been tools of online activism since the 1990s, when they were used in the service of causes ranging from the Zapatista struggle to anti-nuclear power protests.

Similar to a blockade or occupation, an activist DDoS action typically involves many individual computers accessing the same server repeatedly in a short period of time, with the goal of crashing the server and rendering it inaccessible.

Though DDoS actions are often disruptive, they are not typically destructive, often causing very little (if any) damage to the target's electronic infrastructure.

On face, #OpSoaringEagle bears a resemblance to other Anonymous ops that claimed to be a reaction to the missteps or inaction of law enforcement, such as the effort by Anonymous to bring to light the names of people involved in the rape of a 16-year-old girl in Steubenville, Ohio.

However, in that and other cases, the machinations of the



Demonstrators wearing V-masks participate in the Occupy Frankfurt movement in this 2011 file photo. DANIEL ROLAND/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

justice system had clearly stalled: In Steubenville, prosecutors had dragged their feet in filing charges against the perpetrators despite the presence of ample and damning evidence.

In the case of this Ottawa

teen, the justice process is just getting started and due process is taking place. If AerithXOR has exonerating evidence, let it bring that to the police or the defence.

A theatrical appeal for public attention of this kind is not

necessary until the traditional channels have been exhausted.

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net and Society at Harvard University and the Center for Civic Media at the MIT Media Lab.

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Harmless emojis banned while misogynistic apps OK'd



IRENE KUAN
Metro Online

Sexting is nothing new.

People can send lewd messages, images and videos using their smartphones in an instant. Even innocent looking eggplant and banana emojis can be twisted into something perverted, but a new website called Flirtmoji, which provides a set of "sex" emojis you can cut and paste into a text, is trying to bring a fun side to sexting.

I'm very aware that sex

texts are a controversial topic right now, due to horrific child porn and cyberbullying cases in the news.

But is there a point for Apple and Android to reject Flirtmoji from their app stores, citing its "sexual content," when there were and are apps in the virtual stores that offend and objectify women way more than a cartoon-looking emoji of a butt phone or fornicating bunnies?

Take the app Perfect Girlfriend, where users can control a virtual girlfriend that

Not cool

iBoobs, an app where the user jiggles a pair of bra-covered breasts for entertainment, lived in the Google Play Store for years before it was yanked

can be "touched" and will tell the user she wants to f—k them. It's still available in Apple's App Store.

Another offensive app is iLust, where the object of the game is for a guy to stare at a girl's breasts for as long as he can without her noticing. While the App was short lived, Apple did not see fit to

cancel this product, which is far more offensive than a cartoon condom-wearing banana.

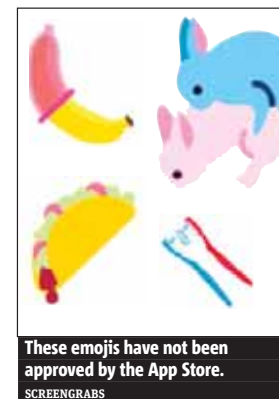
Even iBoobs, an app where the user jiggles a pair of bra-covered breasts for entertainment, lived in the Google Play Store for years before it was yanked in April.

Given all these examples

of sexually explicit, offensive apps that have been available in the notable app stores, should Flirtmoji be censored?

The creators make the argument that we're highly sexual beings, and have been since well before the dawn of the digital age. No matter how we try to look at it, people can use any means, digital or not to exploit or to be malicious.

The creators of Flirtmoji are hoping their "visual language" will help people communicate sometimes complicated emotions.



These emojis have not been approved by the App Store. SCREENGRABS

DVD review



The F Word

Director. Michael Dowse

Stars. Daniel Radcliffe, Zoe Kazan, Adam Driver

Michael Dowse's *The F Word* (a.k.a. *What If*) understands that "friend" is what you don't want to be called when your heart is going pitter-pat for another. Such is the dilemma facing Daniel Radcliffe's Wallace, a med-school dropout and post-breakup moper languishing in his sister's attic. When he finally tiptoes from his boy cave, he meets the zesty and simpatico Chantry (Zoe Kazan). But she already has a boyfriend, hotshot UN lawyer Ben (Rafe Spall), and they've been living together for five years. What's a lonely dude to do? If he enters into a platonic friendship with this slightly confused gal, he risks a broken heart and/or a black eye. *The F Word* gets into familiar rom-com situations, but they feel different. The movie was filmed in Toronto and boasts a prize-winning screenplay by T.O.'s Elan Mastai. Most important of all, Radcliffe and Kazan connect as actors.

The Expendables 3

Director. Patrick Hughes

Stars. Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham, Jet Li

A franchise that was once mildly enjoyable for the novelty of bringing together aging but still popular action heroes — guys like Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Dolph Lundgren, Jason Statham, Terry Crews, Randy Couture and Jet Li — has turned into a cattle drive of subprime beef, with more grunts and stares than dialogue. This is what an earthbound *Guardians of the Galaxy* would be like if every character was Groot, the tree guy.

PETER HOWELL



From left, Tchéky Karyo, Frances O'Connor and James Nesbitt star in *The Missing*. JULES HEATH/NEW PICTURES LIMITED

Mystery of missing child is a harrowing ride for all

Television. Actress Frances O'Connor insists new series isn't based on Madeleine McCann, despite the similarities

Show time

The Missing premieres Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 10 p.m. ET on Super Channel.

NED EHRBAR
Metro in Hollywood

Frances O'Connor had to go to some pretty harrowing emotional places for *The Missing*, in which she plays a British mother grappling with the disappearance of her young son while on vacation in France, with the story split between the 2006 incident and the present-day ramifications. On the bright side, *The Missing* follows the *True Detective* and *Gracepoint* trend — adopted from across the pond, naturally — of providing a complete, closed story in its full run of episodes, so it's only a matter of weeks until the mystery is solved. And the answer even caught O'Connor by surprise.

How much did real-life stories like the Madeleine McCann case play into the

approach to this?

We didn't set out to make a Madeleine McCann-esque thriller or anything. That wasn't our intention. I think that's just one case that's received so much attention, even in America. I'm sure people will make that comparison, but I don't think that was the writers' intention at all. They're really adamant about that. I just think they don't want the McCanns to think, "Oh, they're making a thriller from our experience." But as you go on and the watch the episodes, you realize it's actually quite different.

But certainly it came up at some point.

(Director) Tom (Shankland) said, "There's a book that Kate McCann had written, if you want to read it you might find something insightful in there." I did have a read of it

but, ultimately, I thought it was so specific to her case and her experience, and I felt like my character was so different from that. My character really just loses it when her child goes missing, and I think Kate really kept her act together.

While reading the script, were you convinced you had it figured out?

Yes, I did. I was not right. I was wrong, so wrong. That's part of the fun, though. It is an emotional thriller in a lot of ways, because it is about a kid going missing, so in a lot of ways you're invested. But then, having that thriller aspect as well makes it really exciting. As I was reading it — because I didn't know what happened — I was just like, "Oh God, I hope it's not me." It's such a great page-turner when you're reading the script, and I imagine it will be like that when you're watching it.

Does tapping into the emotions for a character like this leave you drained?

Oh yeah, especially the 2006 stuff. I mean, there was stuff

in the 2014 section that was also really draining, but 2006 was just relentless. Even though the 2006 section only takes place over 11 or 12 days, we shot it for 2-1/2 months, so it's a long time to be in that kind of "my child is missing" thing. Sometimes I'd get on the Eurostar back to London on Friday and just be a mess, like, "Somebody hold me for a minute!"

It hasn't tainted your view of France now, has it?

No, no. Belgium maybe. We actually shot in Belgium. France is so expensive to shoot in, and Belgium has a lot of tax breaks. Plus the countrysides look identical, and they speak French so it was really good for us.

So you're off Belgium now.

I will never go there again. (laughs)

Probably not what the tourism board was hoping for.

No, no. There's actually one town where we shot a lot of the (heavier) stuff. I probably wouldn't want to go back there in a hurry.

2 SCENE



Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds

Um, Ryan, that's no way to sweet-talk your baby

Blake Lively is currently gestating her first official release with husband Ryan Reynolds, and the father-to-be could not be more excited — mostly because he could use a friend, as it turns out. “I’m just excited about having a buddy. We don’t know if it’s a boy or a girl yet, but whatever it is, you have this tether to reality that never goes away,” he tells *People* magazine. Tether to reality? That never goes away? I mean, that’s a lot of responsibility to put on one kid.

The Word

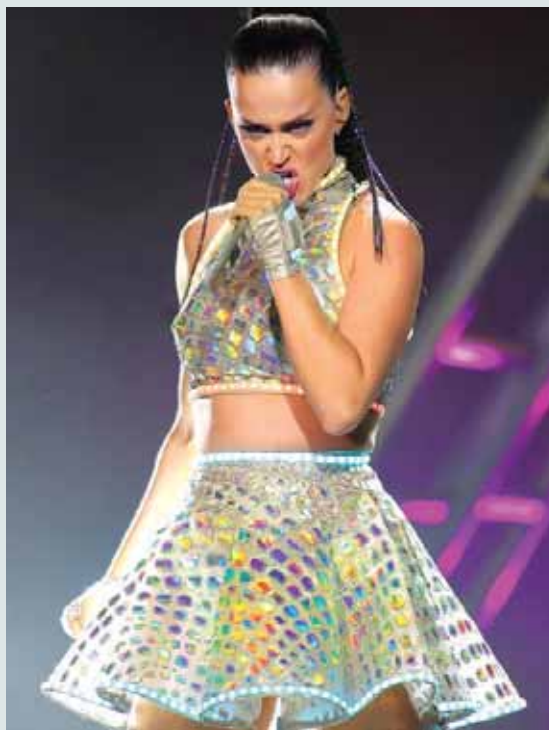
Katy Perry trumps AMAs with Super Bowl gig

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The NFL has confirmed rumours that Katy Perry will be taking the stage for the next Super Bowl halftime show, taking place Feb. 1 in Glendale, Ariz. Perry got in on the announcement action with a video discussing various ideas for the show in her “testing facility,” including kittens and edible glitter.

After recent years featuring Madonna and Beyoncé, it will be interesting to see what Perry can bring to the ridiculously high-profile gig — and what Illuminati references conspiracy theorists can glean from it.

Still unclear, though? Whether tour director Baz Halpin is risking the ire of Taylor Swift by working with Perry on the show. I’m thinking he maybe didn’t



take Swift’s alleged threat too seriously.

Also, way to go on Perry’s part for managing

to steal plenty of focus during the American Music Awards despite not actually being there.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Cryptic Cosby tweet didn’t come from Lisa Bonet

With the frenzy that’s cropped up around Bill Cosby and the growing number of women accusing him of sexual assault over the years, the Internet is hungry for commentary from anyone who has worked with him. Perhaps overly hungry, as it turns out, because everyone was a little too quick to believe former Cosby Show star Lisa Bonet was tweeting about her old boss.

“According to the karma of past actions, one’s destiny unfolds, even though everyone wants to be so lucky,” a tweet from an account claiming to be Bonet’s read. “Nothing stay in the dark (forever).”

Here’s the thing, though. Bonet isn’t actually on Twitter. “Lisa Bonet has no social



Lisa Bonet ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

media of any kind,” her manager tells *People* magazine. “Any posts made in her name were made by impersonators with unverified accounts. She also has no comment on the ongoing story.”

This also casts serious doubt on the authenticity of the Phylicia Rashad Tumblr that I follow.

Esme Domestic Short Hair

Sweet one-year-old Esme is as adorable as it gets. She is fully grown but looks — and behaves — like a kitten. Esme LOVES having visitors as illustrated by practically doing back flips and she makes friends easily. Open the door to her kennel and you’ll be at the receiving end of all manner of warbles and purrs, little kisses and head bunts. This animated little angel has her bags packed and is ready to move into a new forever home at a moment’s notice. **She is patiently waiting to meet you...**



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Because I'm happy...

With the sun setting sooner and the cold days of winter around the corner, here are six ways to boost your mood

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Complex carbs

You are what you eat. If you just got dumped, for example, the instinct is to raid the corner store for mac 'n' cheese and easy-bake brownies. But foods like white bread, pasta and fats cause your blood level to rise and then drastically drop — not a good feeling. If you fill up on veggies, brown rice and whole grain foods, the nutrients will be absorbed more slowly, so you won't get crazy highs and lows.



Ginseng tea

This natural herb releases endorphins in your brain, while the act of sipping tea will add some peace into your life. According to naturalsociety.com, ginseng was used to treat schizophrenia back in the sixth century and naturists are still using it to help lift moods. If your job is stressing you out, keep some ginseng tea handy and you'll feel a little less wound-up.



Is seasonal affective disorder (SAD) setting in? There are ways to combat it. ALL IMAGES ISTOCK

Upbeat songs

If you're listening to Radiohead or some new band with depressing lyrics, stop. A study conducted at the University of Missouri found that if you listen to happy, upbeat music with the intention in mind of making yourself feel happier, it can actually work. The key is the mindset. Those who participated in the study and listened to upbeat music without having a purpose really just felt the same.



Work out with a friend

It's common knowledge that exercising is a great way to get those endorphins pumping, but what many don't know is that the effect is compounded when you work out with a friend or in a group fitness class, according to a study done by the University of Oxford. Researchers found people working as a team were happier after exercising than people working out solo.



Get creative

Whether it's writing, painting or dancing, embracing your creative side has been shown to lift your mood, a study conducted by Boston College found. If you aren't into that sort of thing, try journaling — it produces the same results. One way is to keep a gratitude journal. Every night, list five things you are worried about and five things you are thankful for. In a couple months, you'll be able to flip back and see that some of your worries later land on the thankful side.



Fake it for now

Studies have shown that it's beneficial to have people in your life you can share your problems with, but there's also something to be said for faking it. "We become how we act," says Christopher Peterson, PhD and author of A Primer In Positive Psychology. Put on clothes that you feel confident in, smile when you don't feel like it, laugh at jokes that aren't that funny, and soon you'll be able to stop faking it because you'll actually be as happy as your acting.



3 TIPS

TOP SIX @ 6 Weeknights at 6 Kat counts down the HOTTEST songs of the day

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Double-duty dinners are lifesavers, but they have to be simple to make ahead and freeze for those last-minute emergency weeknight meals.

Some foods don't freeze well; the secret is really in the water content. As water freezes, it expands, and the crystals poke the cell walls, causing frozen fruits and vegetables to become mushy on thawing.

They are still usable and nutritious but don't have the same texture as you would expect when they are fresh.

Here are some tips for freezing.

- Any time you are making soups, stews or curries, double the batch, fully cook and store in single serving sizes for quick, safe freezing and reheating.

- Do not freeze: lettuce, cooked eggs or cheeses under 35% milk fat (MF). All will suffer texturally.

- Wrap fish cakes or vegetable/bean burger patties tightly in plastic and do not thaw before pan frying. This will minimize the potential for sogginess. Use medium-high heat on the stovetop and pop onto a baking sheet making sure there is space between each patty and then into a warm oven to heat through.

- Be sure to reheat any frozen dish thoroughly and only once to avoid food-borne pathogens.

- Pancakes are great frozen with layers of parchment or wax paper and then popped in the toaster, but avoid using fruits like blueberries or bananas that can give off water and drip into the toaster. Think about using pancakes in a savoury way by adding goat's cheese and bacon instead of the sweet stuff.

Anything worth making is worth making twice as much. Or half the time. Or something.

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This recipe serves eight. THERESA ALBERT

PREP TIME
30 MINUTES

Pan-fried Mango Fish Cakes. These bites use your choice of fish fillet and are topped with sweet fruit

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1. Place mango on the counter to thaw and mix with chutney, set aside.

2. Bring a large pot of water to a boil while you scrub (but not peel) potatoes and chop into quarters. Rinse green onions

well under cold running water and chop, then set aside.

3. When water boils, add potatoes, garlic, salt and bring back to the boil, simmer 15 minutes.

4. Add fish in frozen pieces when potatoes are soft enough to be poked with a knife. Simmer for 5-6 minutes just to cook through. Add chopped green onions for final minute.

5. Mix cornmeal, bread crumbs and curry powder on a plate, ready to roll a crust for the potato patties.

6. When fish is cooked, drain water, and mash fish mixture with a hand masher or with a

hand-held wand until soft, but not smooth.

7. Place 3-4 large pieces of foil on the counter and drizzle or spray with oil for freezing.

8. Form medium round patties with a 1/2 cup (a handful) of the potato mixture. Roll in bread crumb mixture, place on foil, spray tops and fold foil over. Either fry in a skillet now or place in freezer up to 3 weeks.

9. To cook: Preheat a large skillet over medium-high heat and drizzle or spray with oil. Add 2-3 patties at a time and let brown on one side before turning carefully. Place onto a baking sheet and into a 375 F oven

to heat through.

10. To serve, top with mango and sprouts.

Ingredients

- 2 cups frozen mango
- 1/2 cup mango chutney
- 6 small Yukon gold potatoes
- 2 green onions
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp salt
- 4 fish fillet (about a pound), frozen (sole, tilapia or whitefish)
- Coating**
- 2 tbsp cornmeal
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs
- 1 tbsp curry powder
- Bean or pea sprouts for garnish

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QMJHL

Mooseheads' Ehlers named 2nd star of week

Halifax Mooseheads import forward Nikolaj Ehlers was named the QMJHL's second star of the week on Tuesday for the week of Nov. 17-23.

Ehlers, 18, notched six points in two games with a plus-4 rating on the ice over

the weekend.

Ehlers, selected ninth overall by the Winnipeg Jets in the 2014 NHL Entry Draft, has 30 points in 18 games with the Mooseheads so far this season.

First star honours went to Quebec Remparts forward Adam Erne, while Val-d'Or Foreurs forward Anthony Richard was named third star of the week.

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MLB

Sandoval leaves San Fran behind

Kung Fu Panda is moving to Boston.

Free agent third baseman Pablo Sandoval and the Boston Red Sox have agreed to a multiyear contract, and the switch-hitting slugger informed the San Francisco Giants he's leaving.

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Pablo Sandoval GETTY IMAGES

NBA



my job."

LeBron James whose Cleveland Cavaliers were 5-7 going into Monday night's game against the Orlando Magic

"We got a four-game losing streak, so I stink. I'm not doing

Hockey legend Pat Quinn remembered as gentle giant

'Big Irishman'. Coach, GM and executive succumbs to illness in Vancouver at age 71

On the ice, behind the bench and behind his desk, Pat Quinn was an imposing figure.

"The Big Irishman" is a guy that loves the game so much that when he walks in, you know hockey's in the room," longtime broadcaster and executive John Davidson said.

Quinn died Sunday night in Vancouver after a lengthy illness, the Hockey Hall of Fame and Vancouver Giants said Monday. Quinn, who was co-owner of the WHL's Giants, was 71.

The former NHL defence man, longtime coach and executive went down fighting as colleagues raved about not only his hockey acumen but about the kind personality behind his gruff exterior.

Quinn led Team Canada to the gold medal at the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City, the country's first men's hockey gold medal in 50 years. He also coached the Vancouver Canucks to the 1994 Stanley Cup final, the Canadian world junior team to gold in 2009 and

helped the Toronto Maple Leafs to the Eastern Conference final two times.

In 15 full seasons as an NHL coach, Quinn's teams missed the playoffs only three times.

That success came over the span of decades, as a coach and executive.

"He's not unlike a Scotty Bowman in that they're really bright guys," said former Washington Capitals GM George McPhee, who worked under him in Vancouver and made his son Graham's middle name Quinn as a tribute. "They were really intelligent and they could see the trends, they could see the fads, the things that were going to come and go and the things that would stay. Very perceptive and he adjusted and advanced."

Quinn was hailed by those close to him for having a heart to match his six-foot-three, 200-plus-pound frame. Maple Leafs director of hockey and scouting administration Reid Mitchell called Quinn a gentle giant who was a "larger-than-life kind of guy, in stature and even his smile."

Part of that stature was that he was as tough as they come.

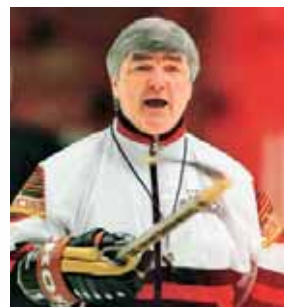
"He's a real guy's guy. He's a man's man," Florida Panthers GM Dale Tallon said. "He's just a straight shooter and called it like it is." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Pat Quinn smiles after Team Canada's 5-2 win in the pressure-packed men's gold-medal game at the Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games in February 2002. BRIAN BAHR/GETTY IMAGES



Pat Quinn during his second season playing with the Maple Leafs in 1969. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Quinn during the spring of 1994 when he coached the Canucks to the Stanley Cup final. GETTY IMAGES

Pat Quinn's big moments

- **Jan. 29, 1943:** John Brian Patrick Quinn is born in Hamilton.
- **1968:** Makes NHL playing debut with the Toronto Maple Leafs. Went on to play with the Canucks and Atlanta Flames before retiring due to ankle injury.
- **1980:** As head coach, Flyers amass a record-setting 35-game undefeated streak, Quinn leads the team to the Stanley Cup final before losing to the New York Islanders.
- **1987:** Joins the Vancouver Canucks as president and GM. Took on additional role of head coach in 1991.
- **1994:** Coaches the Canucks to the cup final only to be denied by the New York Rangers.
- **1998:** Named head coach of the Leafs. Led club to Eastern Conference finals in 1999 and 2002.
- **2002:** As head coach, Quinn leads Team Canada to an Olympic gold medal in Salt Lake City.
- **2009:** Canada wins gold at the world junior hockey championship with Quinn behind the bench. Canada hasn't won gold since.
- **2009:** Edmonton Oilers hire Quinn as new head coach. He stays for only one season.
- **Nov. 23, 2014:** After a long illness, Quinn dies in Vancouver at the age of 71.

Memories of those Quinn touched



"One of my favourite Pat Quinn moments was him in tears on our bench after winning gold in Salt Lake. He said women inspired the men. #patsbench"

Hayley Wickenheiser, six-time Olympian in women's hockey (on Twitter)

"He was a great man because he cared. He loved his players and people; the fans are connected because of his passion."

Trevor Linden, former Vancouver Canucks' captain



Mats Sundin, former Leafs captain

"He had a presence in the dressing room that demanded respect and had a way of talking and getting the guys ready for each game that really got the best out of the teams that he coached."

"RIP Pat Quinn. 1st phone call after winning in 2010 was from him, a beautiful Canadian. I will never forget that. Thoughts are with his family"

Scott Moir, gold-medal-winning figure skater (on Twitter)





Penguins forward Marcel Goc drops the Bruins' Carl Soderberg to the ice in Boston on Monday night. The Penguins won 3-2. CHARLES KRUPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Penguins floor Bruins in OT

NHL. Malkin needs just 32 seconds of the fourth period to score game-winning goal

Evgeni Malkin scored his second goal of the night 32 seconds into overtime, giving the Pittsburgh Penguins a 3-2 win over the Boston Bruins on Monday.

Sidney Crosby had a goal and two assists, including a crossing pass for Malkin's one-timer past goalie Tuukka Rask. Kris Letang had three assists for the Penguins, who had lost their last two against the Bruins.

Marc-Andre Fleury recovered after Boston scored two quick goals early in the second period and finished with 27 saves for his 300th NHL win. The Bruins had chances during a couple of

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scrums in front of Fleury late in regulation but could not get the puck across the goal line.

Malkin scored on a power play with 10:18 left in the second, tying it 2-all off passes from Crosby and Letang.

Letang also assisted on the game-winner, and Crosby's goal 3:33 into the first period that gave the Penguins a 1-0 lead.

Rask finished with 30 saves for Boston.

Joe Morrow had his first career goal and Milan Lucic also scored for the Bruins.

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Around the league

Islanders 1, Flyers 0. Frans Nielsen and John Tavares finally solved Philadelphia's Steve Mason in a shootout, and New York (15-6-0) posted the best 21-game start in franchise history.

Red Wings 4, Senators 3. Playing his second game this season after missing much of it with injuries, Stephen Weiss had a pair of rebound goals late in the second to lift Detroit to its third victory in four games.

Wild 4, Panthers 1. Jason Zucker scored two goals to lead Minnesota over Florida. Nino Niederreiter and Zach Parise also scored for the victors. Shawn Thornton had the lone goal for Florida.

NFL

Safe from snow, Bills bury Jets

Kyle Orton threw two touchdown passes, Robert Woods pulled off a slick one-handed catch and Scott Chandler added a snow-themed celebration as the Buffalo Bills drubbed the New York Jets 38-3 on Monday night.

Heavy snow in the Buffalo area moved the game to Detroit, but there were plenty of Bills fans in attendance at Ford Field. Buffalo (6-5) couldn't even practise before arriving in Michigan on Friday, but it was the Jets (2-9) who looked out of sorts all night.

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Viktor Tikhonov

Decorated Soviet coach dies at 84

Viktor Tikhonov, the Soviet hockey coach whose teams won three Olympic gold medals but fell to the United States in the "Miracle on Ice," died at age 84.

He had been receiving treatment at home for an undisclosed illness that had left him unable to walk in recent weeks.

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NBA. Raptors block out Suns for 5th straight win

Jonas Valanciunas scored a career-high 27 points and hauled down 11 rebounds in the Raptors' 104-100 victory over the Phoenix Suns on Monday — a victory that pulled Toronto even with Memphis for the best record in the NBA.

DeMar DeRozan added 23 points for the Eastern Conference-leading Raptors (12-2), who stretched their winning streak to five games.

Lou Williams, named the Eastern Conference player of the week earlier in the day, added 17 and Kyle Lowry finished with 14 points, eight assists, and seven rebounds.

Eric Bledsoe had 25 points for the Suns, who were playing the finale of their six-game road trip.

The Raptors led for much of the night against a Suns team that had won four straight, and took an 81-66 advantage into the fourth quarter, quickly stretching it to 17. But the Suns fought back and three consecutive three-pointers from Isaiah Thomas capped a 14-0 run that pulled Phoenix to within three points. Thomas's fourth shot from behind the arc put the Suns within a point with 3:35 to play, then Bledsoe



Raptors centre Jonas Valanciunas dunks in front of the Suns' Alex Len in Toronto on Monday night. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

converted a three-point play with just under two minutes to play to tie the game 98-98.

Patrick Patterson and DeRozan got their hands on two huge offensive rebounds, then Patterson drained two free throws to put Toronto up by two with 35 seconds left.

With the capacity Air Canada Centre crowd of 19,800 on their feet, Lowry grabbed a loose ball. He won the ensuing jump ball against Thomas, sealing Toronto's victory, and sending fans home happy.

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Aries

March 21 - April 20

Are you working harder for ever smaller returns? Or is that an illusion, brought about by your insistence on measuring things in material terms. On a deeper level you are a lot better off.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Ideas and insights are coming fast but because Taurus is such a down-to-earth sign you may be reluctant to act on a whim. But you must.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If nothing adds up it can only be because you are using the wrong measuring tool. Put your current beliefs aside and everything will be clear.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Jupiter, planet of expansion, links with Mars today, urging you to rise above the limits you have imposed on yourself. You will accomplish things you had only dreamed of doing.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You like to be free to do things spur of the moment and nothing will stop you from following your instincts over the next 24 hours.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Don't limit yourself to one particular environment today — get out into the world and see as much as you can.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Feelings you thought you had outgrown or left behind will make a return over the next two or three days but they are nothing to worry about.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

An important relationship will take a turn for the better over the next 24 hours, especially if you openly communicate your feelings.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Just because you see things differently to most other people does not mean you are out of step — it could mean you are the only one who knows where you are going.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

There is a pattern to recent events. If you look carefully you will see it. Forces outside your control have been guiding you in a new direction. Not a bad thing.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Although Mars and Jupiter form a somewhat tense link today it could also be a useful link. It will certainly help you deal with any difficulties quickly and efficiently.

Pisces

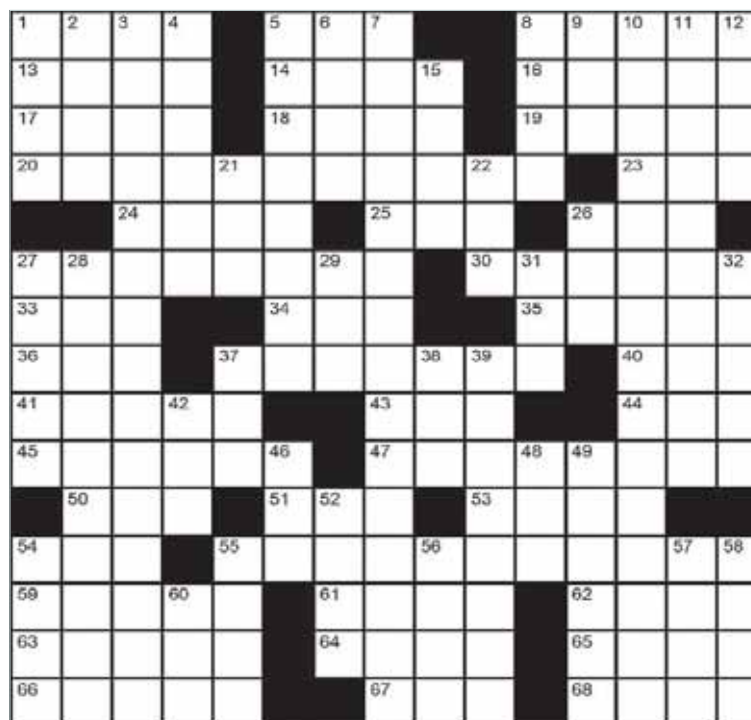
Feb. 20 - March 20

You know exactly what needs to be said or done to restore harmony at home or at work, so get on with it.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Tunesmith Paul
5. Lettuce variety
8. Quebec's ___ Peninsula
13. Humorist Mr. Shriner's
14. Harbinger
16. Particular plaudit
17. Organic compound
18. Gracious
19. Red Square's at-rest ruler
20. Steel-___ (Victorian-style shapewear)
23. Genetic info carrier
24. Beloved
25. Spacecraft riders, briefly
26. New newt
27. Harbour haul
30. Washington state city
33. "Tik ___" by Ke\$ha
34. Shakespearean word
35. Actress Sophia
36. Have payments
37. Gains back
40. Banned pesticide
41. Lyricist Sammy's
43. Train unit
44. "Phooey!", in y olden days
45. "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" (1992) star Ms. Swanson
47. 1800s warship
50. Org. for Spike Lee, Steven Spielberg, Oliver Stone, etc.



51. Keats specialty
53. "Arriba": Hit for what Canadian dance music singer?
54. Cigarette danglee
55. One of two Neil Young songs that Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Sweet Home Alabama" is a response to: 2 wds.

59. Alicia Keys' "Brand ___"
61. Canucks ...the first letter is a ___, whilst the fifth, being little, isn't
62. Show allegiance
63. Entangle
64. Paving stone
65. Portion
66. "Dancing with

- the Stars" alum Ms. Sliwinski
67. Triple letter
68. Li'l bootcamp officers

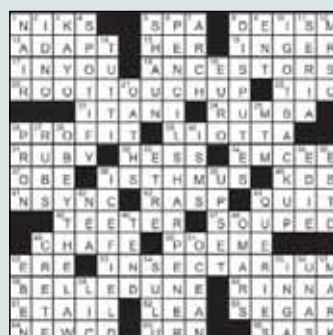
Down

1. Caught in ___ of lies
2. El ___ (Warm ocean current)

3. It leads to Dawson City in the Yukon: 2 wds.
4. Snoozing
5. Sidewalk surface
6. Puccini aria: "___ Babbino Caro"
7. Illuminati, and others: 2 wds.
8. Canadian composer Mr. MacDermot

9. ___-inspiring
10. Born-in-Scotland Canadian engineer (b.1827 - d.1915) known for Standard Time: 2 wds.
11. Magazines and newspapers: 2 wds.
12. ___ Tumbler, role in "Hairspray" (2007)
15. Chirper's creation
21. Water holder-backer
22. Cornerstone abbr.
26. ___-friendly
27. Warehouse merchandise
28. E.M. Forster book-turned-movie: 2 wds.
29. Ms. Richie, to pals
31. Mr. Gore's
32. Staked, in poker
37. Alphabetic sequence
38. 'Jag' add-on (Posh car)
39. Externalizes
42. Intelligence org. in The States
46. ___-hoo!
48. Neither here ___ there
49. Population count
52. Gives nicknames
54. Newfoundland & Labrador town: L'___-au-Loup
55. Ms. Ward
56. Elevs.
57. Mine passage
58. Goalkeepers' guarddees
60. "The A-Team" star, ___.

Yesterday's Crossword

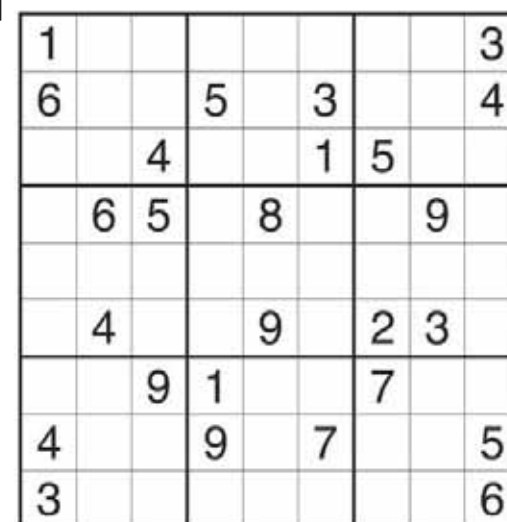


Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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